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1. The standard size of a farm in Polish Administered Germany is to be between 7 and 15 hectares. An area of 20 hectares will be permitted for stock-breeding farms.
2. It is estimated that the number of farms in Polish Administered Germany will be around 575,000, when the Committee for Parcelation and Settlement has completed its work. However, during 1946 only 250,000 farms were handed over to settlers instead of the expected 360,000.
3. The "Cooperatives for Parcelation and Settlement", which were formed in Polish Administered Germany to facilitate the preliminary cultivation of lands belonging to the large estates, have now been declared "temporary". Because of the unpopularity of the "Kolkhoz" system among the settlers, the original idea of "provisional tenancy" is to be abandoned. Farmers will be given certificates of individual ownership and allowed to separate their farms with fixed boundaries.
4. Although the Three-Year Plan gives special attention to the restoration of agriculture in Polish Administered Germany, no great immediate success is expected. This is due to the unwillingness of settlers to set up farming in an area the boundaries of which may be altered by the German Peace Treaty, and to a shortage of machinery, horses, fertilizer and credits.

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